GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:625
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STATE FUNDING OF ELECTION
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Election Commission has given its clearance to the proposals of the Government for setting up of a fund for polls in the country;

(b) Whether Government has formulated 10-point proposal on State-funding of election and the Election Commission was asked to finalise its view after consulting all political parties;

(c) If so, whether Election Commission has forwarded its views and submitted any report to the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the time by which the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) to (c): The Government has formulated 10-point proposal on State funding of election and the Election Commission was asked to finalize its views after consulting all political parties. In the meeting convened by the Election Commission no consensus of opinion emerged. The Commission, however, forwarded its views to the Government on the 29th June, 2006. However, these do not include any proposal for setting up a fund for polls in the country.

(d): The process of reforms/changes of electoral laws and other related matters is a continuous and ongoing process and can be carried out only through consensus among political parties. Since it is a long drawn process, it is not possible to indicate any time frame.